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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FISHMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Adnan M Mirza

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 May 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) *  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Chow et al (U.S. 6,226,693).

As per claims 1,10,14 Chow disclosed a method for scheduling an event over a network in a calender of an invitee, the event having a set of details provided by an event creator, the method comprising: creating a schedule request including at least the set of details and an identifier for the event creator (col. 7, lines 8-25); sending the schedule request to a server in communication with the network, the server having access to the calendar of the invitee and a calendar for the event creator (col. 7, lines 45-63); creating an event record at the server, the event record

including at least the set of details and a link to the calendar of the invitee; and adding the event to the invitee's calendar (col. 8, lines 33-46).

3. As per claims 2,12,16 Chow disclosed further including; creating a link from the event record to the event creator's calendar; and adding the event to the event creator's calendar (col. 4, lines 42-58).

4. As per claims 3,13 Chow disclosed wherein the network is the Internet (col. 4, lines 16-29).

6. As per claim 4 Chow disclosed wherein the invitee's calendar, the event creator's calendar and the event record are stored in a database in communication with the server (col. 5, lines 38-49).

7. As per claims 5,11,15 Chow disclosed wherein the schedule request is a hypertext transfer protocol request (col. 4, lines 17-29).

8. As per claim 6 Chow disclosed wherein the invitee's calendar is part of a personal information management system (col. 6, lines 48-57).

9. As per claims 7,17 Chow disclosed wherein the event creator changes at least one member of the set of details for the event, the method further including: updating the event

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record with the changed set of details; and updating the event in the invitee's calendar with the changed set of details using the link between the event record and the invitee's calendar (col. 7, lines 45-62).

10. As per claims 8,18 Chow disclosed further including sending a notification message to the invitee including the changed set of details (col. 7, lines 7-25).

11. As per claim 9 Chow disclosed wherein the schedule is created using a link associated with the event (col. 8, lines 48-57).

### ***Conclusion***

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (703)-305-4633.

13. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dharia Rupal can be reached on (703)-305-4003. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239.

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14. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

(703)-746-7239 (For Status Inquiries, Informal or Draft Communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT");

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(703)-746-7238 (For After Final Communications).

15. Any Inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-305-3900.

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